

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent application serial number 09/649,473, filed August 28, 2000, the contents of which is incorporated herein by reference, which is a continuation-in-part of US patent application serial number 08/825,249, filed March 27, 1997, now issued as US patent No. 6,162,128, which is a continuation of US application serial number 08/314,864, filed September 29, 1994, now US Patent 5,725,437, and a continuation-in-part of US patent application serial number 09/200,244 filed November 25, 1998, now US Patent No. 6,110,051, which claims the benefit of the filing date of provisional application ~~60/066,895~~ 60/066,589, filed November ~~[[25]]~~ 26, 1997.